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On April 2, 2007, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) implemented a contingency plan for covered entities who would not meet the May 23, 2007 deadline for compliance with the National Provider Identifier (NPI) regulations. CMS made the decision to announce this contingency plan guidance on its enforcement approach after it became apparent that many covered entities would not be able to fully comply with the NPI standard by May 23, 2007. **Missouri Medicaid also made the decision to implement an NPI contingency plan and therefore, is not requiring the use of NPI as previously planned on May 21, 2007.**

Effective May 21, 2007, Missouri Medicaid implemented an NPI contingency plan for the National Council for Prescription Drug Plans (NCPDP) claims to allow for submission of the following provider identifiers:

- Billing Provider Identifier – will accept either the legacy Missouri Medicaid provider number or the NPI.
- Prescribing Provider Identifier – will accept either the legacy Missouri Medicaid provider number or the DEA number. **An NPI will not be accepted in this field.**

REMINDER: Providers must report their NPI to Missouri Medicaid before the NPI can be used on NCPDP claims. Providers who have not reported their NPI to Missouri Medicaid were sent a letter dated June 1, 2007 asking for the NPI and providing instructions on how to submit the NPI to Missouri Medicaid.

Provider Bulletins are available on the DMS Web site at <http://dss.mo.gov/dms/providers/pages/bulletins.htm>. Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the [provider manuals](#) as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletins page.

Missouri Medicaid News: Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the DMS Web site at <http://dss.missouri.gov/dms/global/pages/mednewssubscribe.htm> to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official Missouri Medicaid communications via e-mail.

MC+ Managed Care: The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MC+ Fee-for-Service
- Medicaid Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MC+ Managed Care

Questions regarding MC+ Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MC+ Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the red MC+ card or by calling the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-635-8908 and using Option One.

Provider Communications Hotline
573-751-2896